

REMARKS

1. Claims 1 – 22 are pending in the application. Claims 9 and 17-22 are cancelled. Claims 1 – 8 and 10-16 remain in the application.

2. Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statement that claims 1-8 and 10-16 would be allowed if amendments were made to overcome the § 112 rejections and objections in the Official Action. Applicant believes the above amendments satisfy the Examiner's requirements and overcome any §112 rejections.

3. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, and 13 - 16 have been amended. These amendments are fully supported by the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed. It is believed no new matter has been added by these amendments.

4. Claims 1-8 and 10-16, the specification and the drawings were objected to. The objections have been addressed and overcome by the above amendments as explained below.

Page 7, second paragraph, line 3, "residual diluent" has been rewritten as "excess liquid" to be consistent with preceding recitation of item number "51" in the previous paragraph.

Page 7, second paragraph, line 3, "liquid toner" is now identified as **45** and item **50** properly refers to toner on the drum.

Page 24, last paragraph, line 2, "charge 312" has been corrected to refer to "charge 310".

Page 20, third paragraph, line 7, has been amended to identify the second corona unit as item **128**.

Page 20, end of first paragraph, has been amended to include the reference to an optical means as item **111**. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the application, for example, in original drawings 1 and 11, claims 3 and 13, and in the specification (e.g., page 6, first paragraph.).

Figure 11 has been amended to change item **126** to item **140** to coincide with the specification at page 20, third paragraph

Claim 1, lines 10 and 13, the “transfer station” has been amended to be item **27**. Figure 1 has been amended to show a transfer station as item **27** and to reinstate item **25** as a filling means.

Claim 1, line 14, “clear toner diluent” has been corrected to refer to item **51**.

Claim 2, lines 2-3, the corona unit is now corrected to refer to the “second corona unit (30)”.

Claim 10, lines, 15 and 17, item **130** has been corrected to read “flat receiving glass plate (130)”.

Claim 11, lines 4-6, “than the glass (124) for supporting said glass plate (124) on its edges so that said free charges in said glass (124)” has been corrected to read “than the glass (130) for supporting said glass plate (130) on its edges so that said free charges in said glass (130)”.

Claims 14, 15, and 16, “glass plate (200)” has been amended to “glass plate (201)” to coincide with Figure 12 and corresponding page 21, second paragraph of the specification as amended.

Claim 16, the claim has been amended to clarify the definition of the ribs (202) on the glass plate 201 and re-identify the “relieved structure” as item **240**. Figure 13c has been amended to illustrate this change.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests, reexamination of the application, withdrawal of all objections and rejections, and allowance of claims 1-8 and 10-16 at an early date.

5. Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 USC §112. These rejections are respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

The rejections under §112 are now moot. The rejections have been addressed and overcome by the above amendments as explained below.

Claim 1, has been amended such that “said toner particles” have antecedent basis in the amended preceding reference to a toner “having toner particles”.

Claim 2 has been amended to correctly refer to the “second corona unit 30”.

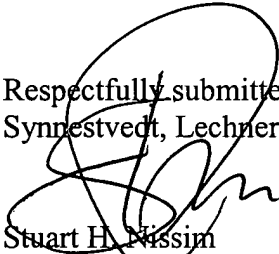
Claim 6, "said development unit" has been amended to "said liquid development unit" and has an antecedent basis in claim 1.

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6. Figures 1, 11, and 13c have been amended to remove items not referenced in the claims or specification and to synchronize numbering of elements with the claims and specification.

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